

2009 PASIONADO CABERNET FRANC

Gualtallary, Uco Valley, Mendoza



PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Barale Family

Winemaker: Manuel Gonzalez

Estate founded: 2003

Region: Mendoza, Argentina

COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARDS

The grapes used come from our vineyards in Tupungato, located at 1300 m.a.s.l. (4300 feet). Very low-yield (less than 4,500 kg per ha.) plots with alluvial, sandy and permeable soils were selected.

WINEMAKING

Hand-selection of berries. Pre-fermentation maceration with dry ice. Racking and post-fermentation maceration for 10 days. Grapes are handpicked at dawn, in the month of April, at the peak of polyphenol ripening. This wine was aged in new French oak barrels for 18 months. At least 12 months in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

Intense red color, with violet highlights. A combination of aromas reminiscent of anise, ripe red fruits and spices, with hints of chocolate and tobacco acquired during the time spent in French oak barrels. A structured, full bodied wine, with rounded tannins which result in a persistent finish. Decant and serve at 16°C (60°F). Suitable for long-term storage.

Technical data

Alcohol 15,5% | Total acidity 5,24 g/l | Residual sugar 1,80 g/l | pH 3.7